

REMARKS

Claims 3-13 were pending in the application and claims 3-8 were acted upon in the aforesaid Official Action. Claims 3-8 are canceled without prejudice, claims 9-13 have been withdrawn, and new claims 14-25 have been added, leaving claims 14-25 for further consideration.

Claim 14 has been drafted with a view to distinguishing over Luscombe et al. and Kim, to eliminating the various 35 USC. 112 issues, and to distinguishing over Sherman et al, cited as pertinent, and previously cited Harwin, and Beck et al. More specifically, the ends of the ligament shim have been set forth in detail in claim 14, the only independent claim remaining in the case.

It is believed that claims 14-25 define an invention not shown or suggested in the art of record, and allowance thereof is most respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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